



REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL

Address to:  
Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application No.

09/527,546

Filing Date

March 16, 2000

First Named Inventor

CONRAD

Group Art Unit

2153

Examiner Name

PARTON, KEVIN S.

Attorney Docket No

202812

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on December 2, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii.  Other:

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

iv.  Form PTO-1449

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

v.  Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

vi.  Other:

2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)

b.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

c.  Other:

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.

i.  RCE fee of \$770.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$770.00

ii.  Two-month extension of time fee of \$420.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) \$420.00

iii.  Petition for an extension of time for the period noted above, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

iv.  Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) 02/05/2004 EFLORES 00000056 09527546

v.  Other: 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA  
02 FC:1252 420.00 DA

Total amount to be charged to Deposit Account \$1,190.00

b.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this RCE Transmittal and all accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EV 329737135 US

Name (Print/Type)	Susan Matz		
Signature		Date	February 2, 2004

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